

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 18, line 16 and ending on Page 18, line 19 with the following amended paragraph.

--Various techniques for ~~microencapsulation~~ microencapsulation may be applied to produce the particles of the invention, provided they allow a dry, crystalline choline chloride powder/granule be encapsulated by the inner and outer layers of the invention.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 20, line 13 and ending on Page 20, line 21 with the following amended paragraph.

--According to the invention, combinations of the structure and composition of the core with the structure and composition of both the inner and the outer continuous layers may be found, which are effective to give the particles of the invention the capability to be effectively stored for a predetermined interval of time mixed in either a mash feed or in a premix (either directly or contained in feed pellets previously prepared) with a small or ~~negligible~~ negligible deterioration of rumen-by-pass quality, said predetermined period of time being for example a period of time ranging from 1 to 6 months and, preferably, equal at least to 3 months.--